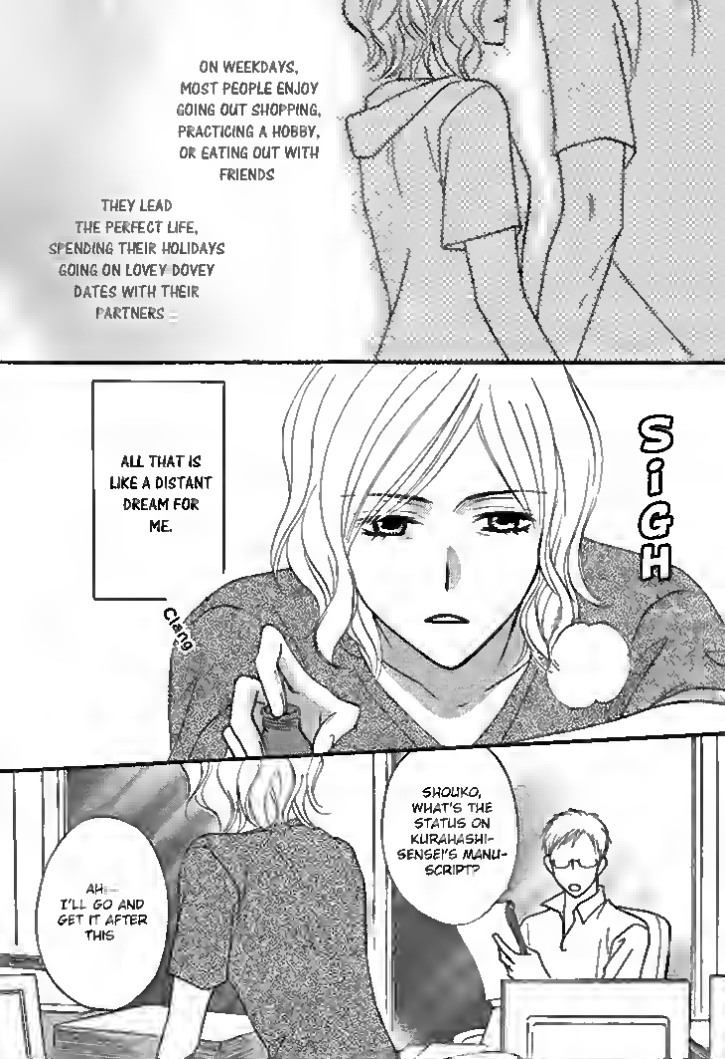
I WANT TO
FEEL REAL


ON WEEKDAYS, MOST PEOPLE ENJOY GOING OUT SHOPPING, PRACTICING A HOBBY, OR EATING OUT WITH FRIENDS
THEY LEAD THE PERFECT LIFE, SPENDING THEIR HOLIDAYS GOING ON LOVEY DOVEY DATES WITH THEIR PARTNERS...
ALL THAT IS LIKE A DISTANT DREAM FOR ME.
SIGH
Clang
SHOUKO, WHAT'S THE STATUS ON KURAHASHI-SENSEI'S MANUSCRIPT?
AH— I'LL GO AND GET IT AFTER THIS

Well then off I go.
I'VE BEEN PART OF THIS EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT FOR FIVE YEARS. IT'S MANAGED BY A SMALL NOVELIST PUBLISHER
YOU'D NEED ALL NIGHT. IT'S PRETTY DEMANDING. AT ANY RATE, DO YOUR BEST.
TRAVELING TO AND FRO HIS PLACE WOULD TAKE THREE HOURS.
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, YOU'RE MAKING IT WORSE...
The other author didn't seem any troubles either
YOU ARE? WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT PART-TIMER?
EVERY-BODY'S OUT RIGHT NOW.
NORMALLY I'D BE ASLEEP BY NOW BUT
TODAY
IF I TAKE THE DIRECT LINE FROM HERE, IT'LL TAKE ABOUT ONE HOUR.
I DON'T WORK NORMAL HOURS, AND USUALLY HAVE TO COME IN ON HOLIDAYS, TOO.
I HAVEN'T HAD TIME FOR ANY ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS, EITHER.
BUT...
I'LL BE READING MY BELOVED AMAMIYA SHIZURU'S NEWEST BOOK!
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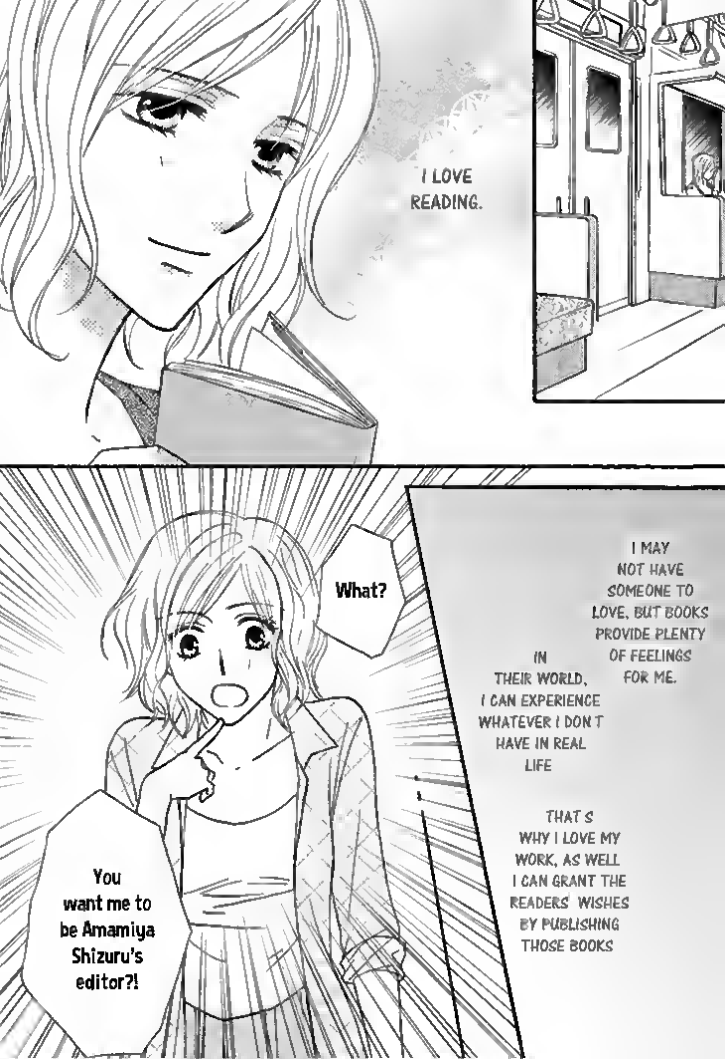
I LOVE READING.
I MAY NOT HAVE SOMEONE TO LOVE, BUT BOOKS PROVIDE PLENTY OF FEELINGS FOR ME.
IN THEIR WORLD, I CAN EXPERIENCE WHATEVER I DON'T HAVE IN REAL LIFE
THAT'S WHY I LOVE MY WORK, AS WELL I CAN GRANT THE READERS' WISHES BY PUBLISHING THOSE BOOKS
What?
You want me to be Amamiya Shizuru's editor?!

THAT'S RIGHT
THIS WILL BE YOUR FIRST JOB AT OUR COMPANY. THE AUTHOR IS POPULAR, SO I'M SUPPOSED TO BE IN CHARGE OF HIM,
BUT I THOUGHT SINCE YOU'VE BEEN PUTTING SO MUCH EFFORT IN YOUR WORK IT'D BE FINE TO LEAVE IT TO YOU
OTHER COMPANIES WOULD NEVER APPOINT A FEMALE EDITOR TO HIM, THOUGH
HOW COME?
YOU DON'T KNOW?
AMAMIYA HAS THE FEATURES OF A MODEL
I HEARD THAT EVERY FEMALE EDITOR WHO GOT AP-POINTED TO THAT GUY ENDED UP FALLING FOR HIM
IN TURN, THEY DIDN'T GET ANY WORK DONE AND EVER SINCE THEN, ONLY MALE EDITORS HAVE BEEN IN CHARGE OF HIS WORK
IF THAT'S SO, ARE YOU SURE ABOUT APPOINTING ME?
AH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT
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I...I NEED MORE TIME TO GATHER MY THOUGHTS!
HAVING TO MEET SOMEONE AS THEIR EDITOR SO SOON...
WHAT? RIGHT NOW?
YES. WE'LL BE LATE IF WE DON'T HURRY.
I'M SURE YOU'LL BE FINE.
YOU ONLY HAVE EYES FOR BOOKS AND WORK, ANYWAY
AH, HE'S ALREADY HERE
HE'S RIGHT THOUGH. I WON'T MIX WORK AND MY PRIVATE LIFE UP BY FALLING IN LOVE WITH THE AUTHOR I'M IN CHARGE OF
AM I SUPPOSED TO BE HAPPY ABOUT THIS?
AMAMIYA-SENSEI.
THAT SAID, I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH HIM NOW, SO PLEASE JOIN ME.

OH, HELLO...
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING. I'M THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF 'UNRIVALLED NOVELS', KATOU.
THIS WOMAN IN HERE WILL BE YOUR EDITOR.
MY NAME IS SAKAGAMI SHOUKO.
NICE TO MEET YOU, I'M AMAMIYA SHIZURU.
THIS PERSON...
SO HE WRITES ALL THOSE BEAUTIFUL NOVELS...
UHM...

I'LL WORK HARD TO BECOME YOUR STRENGTH PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME!
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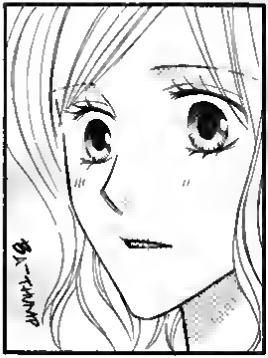
I'VE READ ALL YOUR WORK, EVER SINCE YOUR DEBUT!
I'M VERY HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH YOU!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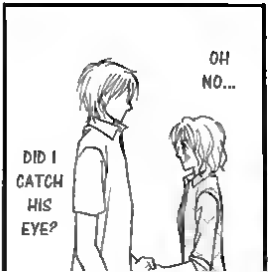
OH NO...
DID I CATCH HIS EYE?

PIN
YOU'RE AS PASSIONATE AS THEY SAID YOU WERE
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME, TOO.

NO, NO I HAVE TO GET MY ACT TOGETHER
I'M JUST CREATING A BOOK WITH MY FAVORITE AUTHOR.
DING DONG!
HELLO
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS.
I'M SORRY, I EVEN ASKED YOU TO BRING THESE MATERIALS HERE—
THAT'S OKAY!
ALL I WANT IS FOR YOU TO BE ABLE TO WRITE SOMETHING GOOD!
WELL THEN, I'LL-
UHM, HOLD ON A MOMENT
?

YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE IN THIS HEAT JUST FOR ME. I CAN'T LET YOU LEAVE JUST LIKE THIS.
AT LEAST HAVE SOMETHING COLD TO DRINK, PLEASE...
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HERE YOU GO.
Place
SORRY FOR HAVING YOU TAKE CARE OF ME WHILE YOU'RE BUSY...
I WAS GOING TO TAKE A BREAK, ANYWAY.
CLATTER

YOU'RE ONLY REALLY INTERESTED IN MY WORK, RIGHT? WHENEVER WE'RE ON THE PHONE, TOO...
HUH? THAT'S BECAUSE...
YOU JUST TALK BUSINESS, AND HANG UP IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS.
HM... HE'S MAKING ME NERVOUS.
SAKAGAMI-SAN,
I'M JUST NERVOUS,
AND I FIGURED YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT PRIVATE MATTERS.
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT?
I JUST HEARD IT BOTHERED YOU THAT A LOT OF FEMALE EDITORS FELL FOR YOU...
OH, THAT...
IT'S NOT LIKE IT BOTHERED ME. I DON'T BLAME THOSE WOMEN, EITHER.
THAT SAID, DO YOU LIVE MERELY FOR YOUR WORK...?
HUH...?
WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS, ARE YOU ASEXUAL?

SORRY... I JUST...
That... That's not it!
If the opportunity to start dating were to arise, I wouldn't pass it up!
GASP
I MEAN UHM... WHILE READING YOUR BOOKS
I'VE COME TO THINK THAT SUCH ROMANCE WOULD BE GREAT
GEEZ I GOT LAUGHED AT
YOU SHOULD GIVE IT A CHANCE. LOVE, I MEAN
YOU'RE MISSING OUT.
BUT I'M BUSY WITH WORK, AND WHO WOULD SEE SOMETHING IN SOMEONE AS CLUMSY AS ME ANYWAY?
IT'S FINE THIS WAY. I RECEIVE PLENTY OF LOVE THROUGH MY WORK

I SEE
YOU'RE QUITE THE STOIC, SAKAGAMI-SAN
.....
YOU REMIND ME OF MYSELF.
I WRITE ROMANTIC STUFF, BUT I'M NOT NEARLY AS GAUDY IN REAL LIFE
REALLY?
OH.
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YES?
SORRY, I SHOULD BE GOING.
RIGHT, SORRY FOR KEEPING YOU.
.....
SAKAGAMI-SAN.
CAN YOU TAKE SOME TIME OFF NEXT WEEK?

THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW...
WILL YOU ACCOMPANY ME FOR SOME DATA COLLECTING?
SAKAGAMI-SAN
EXCUSE ME?
I WRITE ROMANCE NOVELS SO THOSE WOULD BE PERFECT FOR COLLECTING DATA, WOULDN'T THEY?
THEN.
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
LET'S GET SOMETHING TO EAT FIRST. THERE SHOULD BE PLENTY OF DATING SPOTS.
SORRY I'M LATE.
NO PROBLEM. I ONLY JUST ARRIVED A FEW MINUTES AGO MYSELF

THIS WILL BE JUST LIKE A DATE
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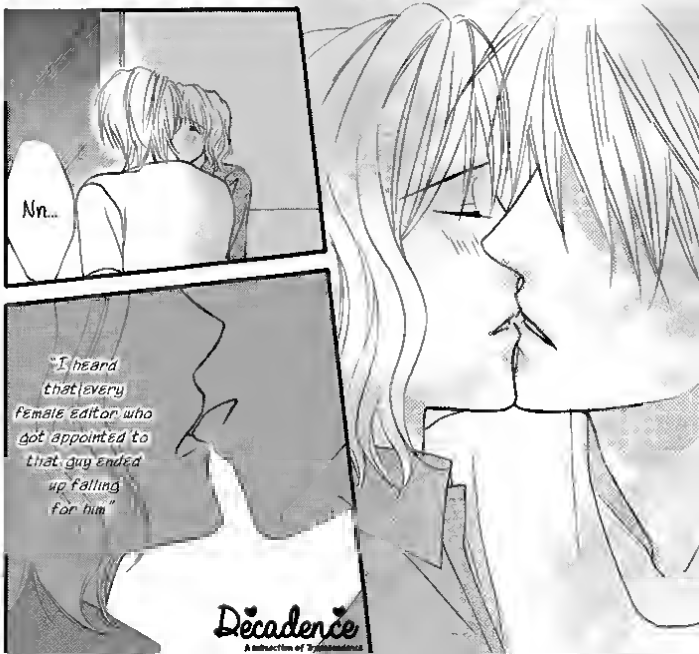
WHOA!
Blush
NO, HE'S JUST LOOKING FOR INSPIRATION
HOLD ON,
ANYWAY, HE'S PROBABLY DONE THIS WITH OTHER EDITORS, TOO
IT'S QUITE CROWDED HERE WE MIGHT LOSE SIGHT OF EACH OTHER, SO ..
Bashamp
WHAT?
LET'S LINK ARMS
YOU DON'T WANT TO?

NO, WHY WOULDN'T I...?
THIS IS SOMEWHAT LIKE A REAL...
THE VIEW AT NIGHT HERE IS SO BEAUTIFUL
THIS TABLE IS SORT OF SECLUDED, AS WELL IT'S A VERY RELAXING PLACE TO ME
SAY, DO YOU OFTEN TAKE GIRLS TO SUCH PLACES?
DO I LOOK THAT FLIRTY TO YOU?
WAIT, I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY...

I JUST THOUGHT YOU'D PROBABLY BEEN TO SUCH PLACES WITH OTHER FEMALE EDITORS TOO...
NOT AT ALL, YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON I INVITED.
Ba Hmmp
.....
UHM... WHY DID YOU TAKE ME WITH YOU, TODAY?
YOU HAVEN'T FIGURED IT OUT?
I WANTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOU,
AND I WANTED YOU TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ME AS A PERSON, TOO, NOT JUST MY WORK.
MY HEART...
IS BEATING WILDLY.

IS HE SEDUCING ME?
AM I BEING SELFISH?
MY MIND STOPPED WORKING...


Nn...
"I heard that every female editor who got appointed to that guy ended up falling for him"
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"They didn't get any work done."
SHOVE
SORRY, I..
I'M GOING HOME.
SHOUKO?
DIDN'T YOU GO DATA COLLECTING TODAY?
Slam

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK
I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT WORK
PLEASE REMOVE ME FROM THE POSITION AS AMAMIYA-SENSEI EDITOR
I REALIZED AS SOON AS HE KISSED ME
I SEE SENSEI AS A SINGLE MAN
I WON'T BE ABLE TO DO MY WORK FEELING THIS WAY...
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RIIING
YES?

SHOUKO
ABOUT THE CHANGE OF EDITORS YOU ASKED ME ABOUT YESTERDAY, THE REQUEST HAS BEEN REJECTED.
HOW COME?
NO WAY
IT'S NOT LIKE HIM TO SAY SOMETHING SELFISH LIKE THAT, BUT FOR SOME REASON, HE WON'T NEGOTIATE...
IT WOULD HURT OUR COMPANY IF HE WERE TO QUIT, SO PLEASE, DO THIS FOR THE BUSINESS.
OKAY?
PAT
MAMIYA-SENSEI SAID HE WOULDN'T WRITE ANYTHING WITH ANY EDITOR EXCEPT YOU.
?!

I'LL HAVE TO ASK SENSEI ABOUT THE PROGRESS ON HIS MANUSCRIPT SOON.
Slump
I'M MISSING MY USUAL ACTING CONFIDENCE, THOUGH...
Ring
YES?
There's someone here to see you.
Do you know someone by the name of Amamiya-san?

THIS IS TOO SUDDEN, WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO TELL HIM?

I'M NOT PREPARED FOR THIS...

SENSEI, WHY-

IT SEEMED LIKE YOU WERE AVOIDING ME,

SO I CAME TO TALK TO YOU.

I WASN'T AVOIDING YOU.

THEN WHY DO YOU WANT TO QUIT BEING MY EDITOR?

I JUST WANTED TO BE ABLE TO HELP HIM WITH HIS WORK.
I'LL ONLY HOLD YOU BACK, SENSEI...
THAT'S... BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES.
I...
MY CHEST ACHES WHENEVER HE'S NEAR...
AND WHAT IF I SAID THAT I CAN'T CONCENTRATE ON MY WORK IF YOU'RE NOT THERE?
I WILL ONLY CAUSE HIM TROUBLE WHEN I'M LIKE THIS.
I COULDN'T FIGHT IT.
BUT, BEFORE I REALIZED IT, HE STARTED DISTRACTING ME MORE AND MORE.

Touch
SENSEI...?
SORRY, I CAN'T RESTRAIN MYSELF. I'M INTERESTED IN YOU.
THAT'S WHY I'LL DO WHATEVER I HAVE TO DO.
TO KEEP YOU FROM ESCAPING.
TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAKING ME FEEL LIKE THIS.
ALSO,
PLEASE FALL IN LOVE WITH ME, AND NOT JUST MY NOVELS.
I CAN'T RUN...
FROM HIS ENCHANTING WORDS...

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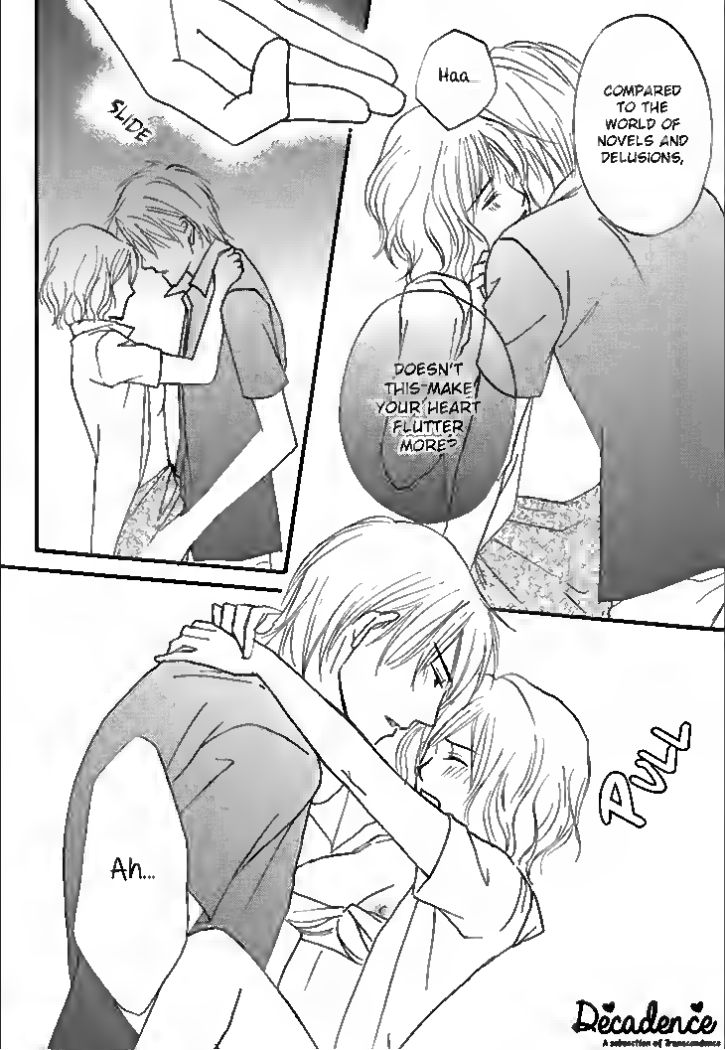
PLEASE STOP. WHAT IF SOMEONE SEES US?
HE CAUGHT ME...
UHM... BUT...
THEN, WHERE DO YOU SUGGEST WE GO?
HIS BODY IS... HOT.
THE 'REAL' ME, UNKNOWN TO THE WORLD OF BOOKS.
SAKAGAMI-SAN, DON'T YOU WANT THIS?
Pull
AH.

HAS STARTED TO CRUMBLE.
MY LAST BIT OF REASONING...
SAY, HOW DOES IT FEEL?
Nn...
Uh...
Ah...



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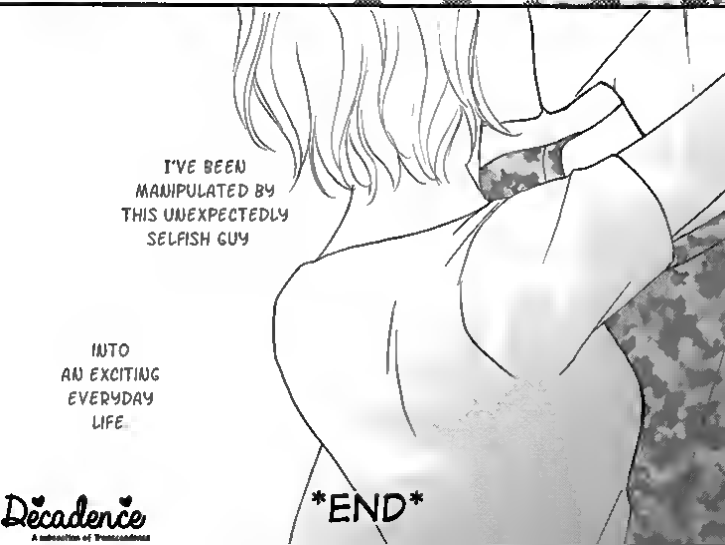
HIS PASSION RESONATES THROUGH MY BODY
SHOUKO-SAN, LET ME HEAR YOUR VOICE.
IT MAKES MY HEAD GO BLANK.
NO... DON'T...
HE'S RIGHT
AND THAT'S HOW...
I BECAME SENSEI'S PARTNER, BOTH IN OUR PRIVATE LIFE AND AT WORK
WAIT, SENSEI!!
Ah!
I CAN'T HOLD BACK ANYMORE

EVEN THOUGH WE MET UP TODAY...
WE CAN'T HAVE SEX.
BUT, AS MY EDITOR, SHOULDN'T YOU HELP ME COLLECT MATERIAL?
I'LL WRITE SOMETHING GOOD. RAISE THE COMPANY SALES AND KEEP THE DEADLINE. BEING THE EXCELLENT AUTHOR THAT I AM,
SO WON'T YOU EXCUSE THIS BIT OF SELFISH-NESS?
OH, BOY...



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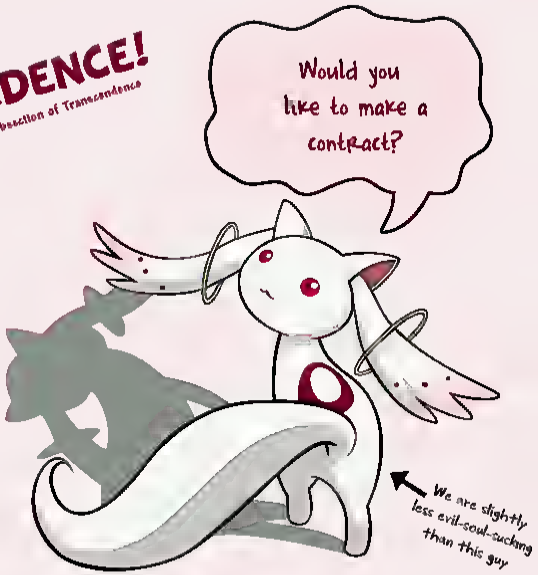

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